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In re Application of :
Creswell et al. : DECISION ON APPLICATION
Application No. 10/595,281 : FOR
Filed: November 22, 2006 : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT
Atty Docket No. 70038-0068 :

This is a decision on the "Request for Reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment Under 35 U.S.C. § 154 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.705(b)," filed March 24, 2009. Applicants request that the initial determination be corrected from a patent term extension of zero (0) days to a patent term adjustment of one hundred forty-seven (147) days.

The application for patent term adjustment is **GRANTED**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **one hundred forty-seven (147)** days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On March 18, 2009, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Extension under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term extension (PTE) to date is 0 days. On March 24, 2009, applicants timely submitted an application for patent term adjustment (with required fee)¹. Applicants maintain that the initial determination of patent term adjustment is 147 days including

¹ PALM records indicate that the Issue Fee payment was filed on June 11, 2009.

177 days for Office failure to mail a first action under 35 U.S.C. 132 and 30 days for applicant delay in filing a response.

The record supports a conclusion that the patent issuing from the application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

Applicants are correct. As this international application was filed after May 29, 2000, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 154(b) related to adjustment of patent term due to administrative delays apply. Accordingly, pursuant to § 1.703(a)(1), a period of adjustment of 177 days should have been entered for Office delay in mailing the first Office action (counting the number of days in the period beginning on, January 23, 2008, the day after the date that is fourteen months after the date on which the application fulfilled the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and ending on the date of mailing of an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, July 17, 2008).

Additionally, pursuant to § 1.704(b), a period of reduction of 30 days for applicant delay should have been entered.

Applicants took in excess of three months to file a response to the non-final Office action mailed September 10, 2008. A response was not received until January 9, 2009, three months and 30 days later.

In view thereof, the determination of patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is one hundred forty-seven (147) days.

The revised patent term adjustment calculated at the time of the issuance of the patent (and reflected on the issued patent) should properly include any adjustment to term under the provisions of patent term adjustment for examination delay. Any request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment indicated on the patent is by way of a request for reconsideration of patent term adjustment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.705(d). Any such request must be filed within 2 months of issuance of the patent.

The Office acknowledges submission of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e). No additional fees are required.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for issuance of the patent.

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.


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Attachment: Copy of Revised PAIR Screen


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PTE Calculations for Application: 10/595281

Application Filing Date:	11/22/2006	PTO Delay (PTO):	0
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	0
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTE (days):	147
PTO Delay Adjustment:	147		

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10	08/30/2007	PG-PUB ISSUE NOTIFICATION			
8	06/03/2007	APPLICATION DISPATCHED FROM OIPE			
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6	05/29/2007	SENT TO CLASSIFICATION CONTRACTOR			
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